



April 27, 2017

The Honorable Jason Chaffetz
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government
Reform
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Elijah Cummings
Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Government
Reform
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Will Hurd
Chairman, Subcommittee on
Information Technology
Committee on Oversight and Government
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The Honorable Robin Kelly
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on
Information Technology
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Re: Modernizing Government Technology Act of 2017

Dear Chairman Chaffetz, Chairman Hurd, Ranking Member Cummings and Ranking Member Kelly:

On behalf of Brocade, I am writing in support of the Modernizing Government Technology Act of 2017. This bipartisan bill is an important step forward to accelerate the modernization of federal IT networks. The Modernizing Government Technology Act will provide federal agencies with critical and flexible financing mechanisms to help break the cycle of federal IT investment in outdated technologies. By facilitating federal agency IT modernization, the bills will help agencies improve IT effectiveness, bolster security, reduce maintenance spending and better serve citizens, warfighters and veterans.

As an active partner in federal agency network modernization, Brocade appreciates your leadership in moving this bill forward this year. Brocade is committed to working with other stakeholders to achieve the objectives of the Modernizing Government Technology Act to help agencies transition to modern networks that leverage open standards, multivendor networks, and software-based technologies to achieve their mission. Should you have any questions, please contact Joseph Andersen at andersej@brocade.com or 703-344-7580.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jeff Rangel

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